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APPLICANTS: Rothberg, et al  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action of December 18<sup>th</sup> 2003, Applicants request that the following amendment be entered. In addition to the amendment presented herein, Applicants are also submitting herewith their request for a 1-month extension of time to respond to the December 18, 2003 Office Action. With the extension, the present Response is due on or before Monday April 19, 2004 (the nominal due date of April 18, 2004 occurring on a Sunday). Check No. 18511 in the amount of \$55.00 is submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary additional fees, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-601 (Cura 101).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.